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Do you want to avoid military duty?

In Korea, the thousands of soldiers died by various accidents in 2010 even though there was no war. This is not inconsiderable number of the dead. Because of this, most adolescence in Korea do not want to go army. So, most of adolescences postpone their dates when they have to go army. Some of them even evade their military services. While I understand this avoidance of view, I have a different idea about going to army. Also, I had served in the military for 2 years like most Korean men. During this time, I would increase a sense of confidence, and this period was my turning point. Although the army life is dangerous and difficult, joining the army helps your life.

Many people want to avoid their military duties. At first, I also had a negative idea about going to army for two reasons. First of all, they think that the time, 2 years, in the army is not valuable. Sometimes, the army does not consider the efficiency of tasks when they work or treat their works. Yet, this time is worth from my experience about army. You can look back on your life, and plan your future. Who say that the army is valueless? Next, in digital age, before most of adolescences enlist in the army, they have always lived in convenient life for 20 years by doing what they want, such as playing video games, taking travels, or watching movies; however, in the army there is no free. As a daily schedule, they should learn various skills and do a lot of their workloads every day. These cause them to gain much stress, so in the end they make a decision to commit suicide. On the contrary, if you overcome these difficulties, you can become stronger person. Your life will become regularly, so you grow strong in health. Who want to become a weak person?

Since one event which happened on June 27 of 2008, I have always been walking instead of ride a bike, so walking became my habits in my life before I know it. The memory in that day is one of my own experiences in army life. So far, I could not erase this, and I keep this in my mind.

In June of 2008, at the age of 23, I entered the military service, and I was trained in various fields. In the end of the military drill, that day which I could not erase was coming. In that day, we 2 platoons were supposed to march 60 kilometers in full gear: carrying a 25 kilograms bag and 2.5 Kilograms K-2 guns. Unfortunately, it rained on that particular day, so the weight of the bag was increased. In spite of the worst situations, we soldiers departed for our destination. In fact, I had no belief about that I could not success this task. After 2 hours of marching, I was still walking and walking. Due to this difficult situation, I thought that I hate the military duty which was occurred by Korean War. Moreover, I was quite eager to give up this marching, but I could not. My bag pressed down on my shoulder, and I could not control my steps. In the half of course, we took a rest only 10 minutes. Since then, I walked over and over. During the walking, I had mingled feelings over this circumstance through my mind. Among them, one is that this marching has the meaning beyond just walking; this is a process of achieving goals like defending my country and family. I realized that if I steadily do my best on my tasks, even if I did the smaller amounts of the tasks, I can achieve what I want. In the end, I completed this marching. Since this day, I who roughly do my work have become a hard worker. Only 9 hours in this day changed me.

Like this, military service had great effects on my life. By spending my time, 2 years, on army, I got invaluable things: a lot of sense of confidence, responsibility, and nationalism. Today, I am walking again for my goal. Although you can get various things which help in your life from the experience in the military service, do you still want to avoid this duty?